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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## THE VELVET EXPERIENCE

Will Not Chafe or Bruise, But is Inviting And Attractive.

### THE JESUS LIFE TO BE REPRODUCED IN HIS FOLLOWERS

The inoffensive life is the best life to live. A life that causes no displeasure in others is at a premium. James says, "If any offend not in word, the same is a perfect man." A smooth, oily, pleasant disposition will always have friends.

In describing the characteristics of workers Paul says, "Giving no offence in anything." To have such an experience is certainly delightful. No collisions; no breaking off of confidence; no rasping influences; no backbiting; nothing doing that will hurt the other one unless it is because the other one has done wrong or is wrong.

In his letter to the Colossians Paul describes the clothing of the Christian when he says, "Put on therefore... bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, etc. The Syriac translation uses the words, "tenderness," "gentleness." This sounds like soft raiment. Nothing to appear harsh, or hard, or roughly lay blame on others. And this is to be a real experience. No matter what the disposition has been; no matter how rough or what kind of hard expressions have been used, they are all gone now since dressing up in the royal robe. This is the velvet experience.

Again Paul describes the disposition of a Christian when he says, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:31,37.) If you are not tender hearted you ought to be. If you do not have the forgiving spirit you ought to have it. If you have any bitterness or a disposition for evil speaking you need some help—you need sympathy and pity. You need to be loved so good that all of the bitterness and evil speaking will vanish from your disposition.

It will take a real genuine velvet experience to make you so you can measure up to Paul's teaching at another place. "Give none offence" says Paul. This will require the use of words properly seasoned with grace. To measure up to this requirement you will have to have an experience that is very mellow, sweet and loving. I never saw one too much this way.

Paul carries this subject further and tells who should not be offended by you. The first is, you must not offend the Jews. They are the Lord's chosen people, but that is not the special reason that you should not offend them. Second, you are not to offend the Gentiles. They, too, are loved by the Lord, and the plan of salvation was made for them, too, but that is not the reason you should not offend them. Third, you are not to offend the Church of God. Jesus gave Himself for the church and loves it dearly, but that is not the reason you should not offend it.

Now, what is the reason you should give no offence to the Jews, nor the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God, if it is not because God is partial to them,

and does not want them hurt by your offence? It is you personally that He is after. Paul is appealing to the Corinthian church. He is trying to get them balanced up. He wants them so pure, so faultless that he can present them as a chaste virgin to Christ. This he cannot do if they are continually giving offence to the Jews and Gentiles and to the Church of God. He is telling them how they must be in order to meet the divine approval. He wants you to have such a genuine godly experience that you will be mellow toward the Jews, loving and gentle toward the Gentiles and tender toward the Church of God.

God wants YOU to have the velvet experience. This soft sweet experience will not chafe or bruise the person with whom you come in contact. But such a beautiful experience is inviting and attractive. They will want to rub up against such a smooth character. They will want to touch you (this is meant spiritual) and be with you and stroke you with their hand. They will want some of the same kind of goods. They will say, when I get religion I want the kind that Mrs.—has. She is always so kind, and gentle, and loving, and ready to help everybody in any way they need help.

The velvet experience will never chafe or bruise, but is inviting and attractive. John the Baptist was of this disposition. He received the Holy Ghost, I suppose, before he was born. When he began to preach he was attractive. He remained so as long as he was permitted to remain in public life. He was so attractive that the whole country went to hear him. He did not select a nice velvet covered place for his pulpit. He did not prepare attractive, pleasant, and comfortable news for his audience. But they came out of the city and made their way into the wilderness. Something attracted the people. It was not pipe organs, sweet-voiced choirs, orchestras or fine auditoriums that attracted the people to John.

In commenting upon John, Jesus said, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?" He was speaking to people that had been out there. They had left the beautiful streets and palatial residences of the city and gone into the wilderness. What was the attraction? John, of course. But what was the attraction? They had seen men. It was not the man, it was something that John was possessed with. It could have been his eloquence, but other people were eloquent, and they did not attract people so they would go away out in the wilderness to hear their discourses. But the multitudes went out to see this blessed man of God.

Jesus continued his inquiry and said, "But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in king's houses." There is the secret of the attraction. This soft raiment was not the outward dress,

because John was clothed with a very coarse garment "camel's hair and a leathern girdle." But he was attractive, so he must have been clothed in a spiritual sense in "soft raiment." We conclude he had the velvet experience that would not scratch and wound and bruise the people when they came to his meetings.

This mighty man told the people of their sins, and did not fail to declare the truth to all classes, but still they thronged him. Jesus said, "They that wear soft clothing are in king's houses." He was out in the wilderness in a literal sense, but in a spiritual sense he was in the King's house, robed in the soft raiment characteristic of the place.

And they went out to see this kind of a man. And they will go out to see you if you have the velvet experience. I have heard of some ministers that drive away their congregations by their rasping rough words and expressions. I hope these are not Church of God ministers. We must have the velvet experience. We must be gentle and patient and loving toward all men. We must give no offence to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God. We must have an experience that will not chafe or bruise, but is inviting and attractive. The world wants love. They want tenderness. This can be used as a mighty sledge-hammer to break the hardest heart. We are the children of the King, then we belong in the King's house. In the King's house the people wear soft raiment.

Get the lesson, my dearly beloved, and never be harsh or rough again. If you find in you a disposition to be opposite to the velvet experience, better go before the Lord and consecrate and surrender until your disposition is changed from that which knocks and bruises and offends, into that kind that will give no offence to the Jews nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. Remember you are the children of the King and must be dressed in soft raiment to live in His house. The Jesus life is to be reproduced in His followers. We are His followers and we must prove ourselves worthy of the sacred position we occupy.

This is a close and narrow way. This is a good way. The velvet experience in us will attract others this way. If we are in the King's house we must have on the soft raiment. If we do not have the soft raiment we might find ourselves out of place in claiming to be the children of the King. If we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ we surely ought to have a disposition like our elder Brother. How loving, how gentle, how careful to help the Jews and the Gentiles, and gave Himself for the Church of God.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31.) And while you are doing this give no offence to the others. Beloved, let us try to sweeten up our disposition and try to do better. This exhortation is not to some who may be rough and causing offence only, nor because I think everybody is guilty, but I am sure it will not hurt for us all to examine our dress and see whether it has become ruffled up or coarse. If it is found to be the least bit rough it might be found after all to be only velveteen instead of genuine velvet. Webster

says that velveteen is "imitation velvet." Velvet is "silk fabric with short, close, soft nap." Nap is "The wooly substance on the surface of cloth." It could be possible for this outside substance that is so soft to wear off of the velveteen and when this is off it shows clearly that it was only imitation and not real. It is always sad to find one has only received an imitation of the velvet experience. Can't tell it from the genuine until it becomes worn. But it will show sometime somewhere. And when you find yourself bringing offence to the Jews, or the Gentiles, or to the Church of God it would be good to make an investigation of the clothing you have on. May be it is only velveteen. Paul says, "Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit but the profit of many, that they may be saved." (1 Cor. 10:33.) There is the full secret. He was willing to sacrifice his own pleasure to help others. He wanted to act in a way to please all men instead of causing offence. His object was to save men instead of driving them away. The velvet experience and not velveteen. The genuine and not the imitation. That was Paul. He is a good example. He calls us to follow him as he follows Christ.

Many of us are making good progress in that direction. I do not know of any people in the world that are following any closer than the Church of God people. But we want to make improvements and get a deeper and better experience all the time. If we have brought offence, do not do it any more. Do not make the same mistake twice. Once is enough and really one time too many, but do not do it again. In your conversation, let it be seasoned with love and grace. In your preaching, let it be seasoned with love and grace.

Remember beloved, who you are. King's children, to wear soft raiment. The velvet experience. "Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed." The ministers must be patient, endure hardness and afflictions and still retain the velvet experience. Bless the other folks whether you are blest or not. Do not complain or offend when you have afflictions, and in times of want and distress. Do not unduly blame any one. (2 Cor. 6:3,4.) Love others, whether they love you or not. Let the velvet experience show to others even if they only show to you the velveteen experience. They may not know the difference between the genuine and the imitation. If they only have the imitation remember it did not cost them as much as you had to pay. Be patient with them and love them and do not offend them. You can show them the difference between the velvet and the velveteen better than you can tell them. Let the velvet life show for itself and sooner or later they will see they have been cheated. The velveteen is worth something and looks well for a while, but it will not last like the velvet. You must have an experience that will last. We are nearing the end, and the judgment's near, but besides this it is our duty to labor for the salvation of souls, so we need the velvet experience for the best interest for ourselves and others also.

Get it! Get it! Keep it! Keep it! Show it to others by giving no offence to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church

## THE WORK IN GENERAL

The Spiritual Interests of Every One Provided For by The Assembly.

NOT ONE WILL BE NEGLECTED IF THE PLANS ARE FOLLOWED.

It has only recently been discovered by some of our brethren that the church of God is well organized. It has been but a short time since the organization was so perfected that a year's work could be commenced without having an Assembly to arrange and rearrange the work.

Truly a few years ago we would have been very much perplexed had we been denied the privilege of holding the Assembly as we have been this year. But this year we are able to close out the old year and start in the new with but few disadvantages although we miss the great convention and its blessings.

The system as completed at the Thirteenth Annual Assembly provides for the appointment of the overseers of states and groups of islands. This was done promptly with the exception of a few that it required a little more time to make the selection. As soon as they were appointed they entered heartily into their work, arranging their districts and appointing their pastors and district overseers. This work has probably not all been completed, but it will take but a few more days to finish it up.

When the district overseers are appointed it becomes their duty to select their helpers or pastors for the local churches. The system provides that the female ministers can be appointed to serve as sub-pastors or helpers.

This work is all being hastened on just as rapidly as if we had been permitted to meet in the Assembly.

The system further provides for the pastors and deacons to classify and systematize the local work so that the spiritual and temporal welfare of every member will be carefully guarded. Thus the spiritual interests of every one is provided for by the Assembly, and not one will be neglected if the plans are followed.

It has been casually remarked by some that they feared there was more time given to system and organization than to the spiritual interests of the members and soul saving. But this is a mistake. Those who make such remarks have probably failed to look into the depths of the system as provided by the Assembly.

It has often been said that "what is everybody's business is nobody's business." It is true in church work the same as everything else. Think of trying to have a Sunday school without a superintendent. Who would feel like just walking out and ordering the classes to take their places and arrange the general work? Then when a superintendent is chosen he has to proceed with his organization until it is complete. When all the officers are selected, the classes are arranged and the teachers over them then the school is in working order, and the spiritual interests are guarded and the work of soul saving can be commenced. This work, however, will not proceed just like it does in a revival,

of God, and who is left out that you may offend and be guiltless? Answer the question to yourself. Amen!

meeting, No Sunday school or anything else can take the place of an informal altar service in a revival meeting. But it is necessary to have form of government and discipline to conserve the work done in a revival meeting, and to stand behind it and urge it on.

Long since, the Assembly marked out the duties of the overseer of the state thus, "Each overseer is to have the oversight of his state or territory (Look after the interests and welfare of the churches), and as much as possible conduct or order a general evangelistic campaign over his state during the year. To see that every church is supplied with a pastor as much as lies in his power." This principle is to be followed in every department of the church work. The district overseer must not think of allowing the year to pass without having a revival at every one of his churches. He may not hold the revival at every church himself, but he should see that it is held. The sub-pastors and helpers should take up the work in the same manner and in this way the work will be done.

Besides having revivals at each church already established there is the new work to open up. The overseer of the state should take this into consideration and see that every minister in his state is in active service. If they are not needed in conserving the work already established they should evangelize in new fields. The overseer of the state will hardly have time to engage in revival work himself and keep up his other work, but the district overseers and other ministers should engage in revival work a good part of the year.

Following the system provided for by the Assembly every local church can have their regular meetings for worship every Sunday. If the pastor cannot be present every Sunday one of the deacons should take charge of the service and conduct a prayer meeting and testimony service. Or if there is no deacon the overseer should see that every local church has a leader appointed to hold the services in the absence of the pastor. No church should be without some one appointed to hold the services in the absence of the pastor.

When this plan is followed there is no indication of getting other things to take the place of the spiritual interests and revival work. In this way the spiritual interests will not be neglected. The main thing about system and order that makes it successful is that it does not leave the work in the way referred to above that "what is everybody's business is nobody's business." The plan outlined by the Assembly provides for definite work where no place will be left to "live if it can and nobody care." There will be somebody in every place to care for the work, and see that it moves along and is kept up in a good way.

The careful organization of the local work should not be neglected. Remember the Assembly has provided for the pas-

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The reports for Oct. have shown a falling off in every way owing to the fact that no meetings were held on account of the influenza epidemic. Let us all rally our forces and surmount all these difficulties now that we can have our meetings again.

I wish to thank all our friends that are sending in lists of subscribers on the subscription sheets sent out by the wholesale two weeks ago. Your assistance in this matter is very greatly appreciated.

E. B. Culpepper is appointed Overseer of Miss. for the coming year. This will be good news for the Miss. friends I am sure. He expects to be on the field in a week or two.

It seems that every body ought to go to the thanksgiving services on the 28th of this month and give thanks to God. His blessings are more than can be enumerated. Give thanks, give thanks to God.

As the reports were so incomplete for Oct., owing to the churches being closed nearly all the month, on account of the epidemic, we have decided not to furnish the overseers with the usual compendium due the middle of Nov. We hope to get started off again next month and wish to encourage all the ministers and churches to do your best in the service and you will then have good reports to make. If any of the ministers or churches do not yet have the report forms we will take pleasure in supplying them if you will write for them.

On account of the increased cost of the Sunday School Cluster rolls we will be forced to increase our selling price. We have never advanced the price of publications since the high prices have prevailed, but we feel compelled to do this, commencing with the first of the year. The cost of material is continually rising and we will be obliged to have a little help. Watch for the prices.

W. M. Hobbs who has been residing at Abbeville, Ga. informs us that he has moved and his P. O. address is now 716 East Altamaha, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The Church of God is the greatest institution in the world. I am becoming more and more enthused about it all the time. Nothing like it. Nothing that fills the bill, or measures up to the Scriptures as it does. I love her.

If there are any ministers or churches that are not supplied with the monthly report forms they should write to headquarters for them. We want every

church and every minister to lovingly and gladly furnish these reports for the purpose for which they are intended. Great responsibilities are upon the General Overseer and the board of Councilors, and they will not be able to do their duty as authorized by the Assembly unless they can have the hearty and loving co-operation of all the churches and every minister. Many are doing this for which we are thankful, although they have been greatly hindered the last month on account of the influenza epidemic. We must spur ourselves up now and ride over every difficulty.

Be careful what you say about others for you will meet it some day. If you find it necessary to talk about them try to say something good. Do not say anything that will injure the influence of a brother or sister.

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## A Positive Righteousness.

There are a few things just as real as the sunshine and the earth. The first supreme real power is God. The most convincing and inspiring influence is His holy and righteous love. His love antedated the church; His divine righteousness preceded the Bible.

Paul said we can do nothing against the truth. The Word says we shall know the truth and the truth shall make us free. Glory! glory! This divine truth makes for positive righteousness in every heart that wants to do the Father's will. And he that doeth the Father's will is a brother to the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Glory! glory! In this positive righteousness there is success, there is victory.

Two years ago I found the way to the Savior's love, the divine gentleness that wills salvation to the soul. For eighteen months I have been preaching this positive righteousness. I have preached it in four different denominational churches. I have never received water baptism nor united myself to any of them, for with what authority can a man baptize in the name of the Holy Ghost when he hasn't received Him?

I get more out of what I believe than of what I don't believe. I believe in a positive righteousness; I believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost and talking in tongues, for it is the Lord's doings and is marvelous in the eyes of the unbelievers. I believe every word of the Bible and will never again question its inspiration and power.

I want all the saints to pray for me. I have never received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but it is for me and I long to glory in its reception.

I can't stop preaching. Hell has broken loose. Apostasy is driving men from the faith. Fixed and bad theories are leading souls to wreck and ruin. Let us all pray and fast and pray, for this is the kind of worship that works miracles, makes devils fear and tremble.

We shall soon have the tabernacle at Afton ready for services. Z. Quillen.

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tors and deacons to classify their members so that each deacon will have a certain number to pray for and look after. Then under the deacons are to be helpers, and the members are to be divided so as not to have too many in the care of one person. Ten or twelve for one helper is enough. These helpers are to take special interest in their little bands; pray for them, visit them when convenient and encourage them, write to those that they cannot visit, and this way not one will be neglected or lost.

The deacons and their helpers are expected to keep in touch with every member so none will move away and their whereabouts be lost as has been frequently in the past. Quite recently a certain church tried to find a certain member. The name was advertised in the Evangel and every effort possible made to locate the lost member. Finally the brethren decided in business session to drop the name. This was done and a little later it was discovered that the sister lived in a short distance of the church, but had, through misfortunes, been kept from mingling with the members. Following the above system not one will be lost. And if they need help, either spiritual or temporal, it is provided. I wish to repeat and emphasize that not one will be neglected if the plans are followed as provided by the Assembly.

Following is the order:

1. General Overseer.
2. Overseer of state.
3. District overseer.
4. Pastor.
5. Deacons.
6. Helpers.
7. The small band of members.

The General Overseer appoints and superintends the overseers of the states. The state overseers appoint and superintend the district overseers. The district overseers appoint and superintend the local pastors. The pastor and deacons appoint and superintend the local helpers and classify the members. If every one does his duty and fills his place according to instructions the work in general will be conserved, and the spiritual interests of every one will be attended to and not one will be neglected or forgotten.

The deacons and their helpers will urge the members to attend the services and get the benefits thereby. The pastor will encourage the deacons and helpers to be faithful in the discharge of their duty. The district overseer will see that the pastors under his care conduct themselves in the right manner and feed the flocks. The state overseers will see that the district overseers discharge their duties with love and wisdom, and that they do their work well, rendering them such assistance as they need. The General Overseer has the oversight of all, but gives his attention specially to the state overseers and assists them in what ever is required.

This plan was given Moses by Jethro, his father-in-law, and incorporated in and practiced by the "Church in the wilderness." We conclude it is God's plan and thus have accepted it, and it is working beautifully where practiced. There will be no crosses or failures if every one is faithful, and we expect nothing but victory and success.

This is God's work and not mine; but I esteem it a high honor to have the privilege of being a co-worker with Him. We are all workers together with God. Let us be faithful in our sphere and He will promote us some day. Hallelujah!

## The Fruit of The Spirit

JESSE P. HUGHES.

"For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."—Eph. 5:9, 10.

There are different kinds of fruit, but in the above verses the Apostle Paul only speaks of one kind, viz., the fruit of the Spirit.

One kind of fruit is produced of the earth, another of plants another of animals. So, naturally speaking, we can say fruit consists of either mineral, vegetable or animal matter.

But the fruit that the apostle speaks of is not natural but spiritual, still it consists of something. Let us notice the text and see what it is. "For the fruit of the Spirit is in (or consists of) ALL goodness and righteousness and truth." Notice the word "all" which signifies that the fruit of the Spirit does not consist of a little goodness and righteousness and truth, but ALL. Furthermore it proves what is acceptable unto the Lord.

"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for a tree is known by his fruit."—Mat. 12:33.

"Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree, bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"—Mat. 7:16-21.

It matters not what one professes or how regularly he attends church and shouts and praises the Lord and calls on His name, if he is not bringing forth good fruit which consists of ALL goodness, righteousness and truth, proving what is acceptable unto the Lord at all times, both at home and abroad, he is classed as a corrupt tree and will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Some may have conceived the idea that shouting, dancing or making a loud noise is fruit of the Spirit and if they do that at church they can do as they please elsewhere. But these are only manifestations and are often of the flesh, emotional and not spiritual; therefore they are not always acceptable unto the Lord. The fruit of the Spirit is more than a big stir or a loud noise. Cain offered his sacrifice as did Abel but his was rejected because he produced the works of the flesh and not the fruit of the Spirit. He was full of envy and slew his brother because his own works were evil and his brother's righteous. I believe in shouting praises to the Lord, but first bear the fruit of the Spirit that He may accept our sacrifice of praise.

At Gal. 5:22, 23 we find that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." We should notice that the above names are not fruits, although they are often called the nine fruits of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul after naming seventeen works of the flesh and changing the subject to the fruit of the Spirit puts the noun in the singular form. "But the fruit of the Spirit"—and then the nine qualities of the fruit are named.

I have heard people say that one of the fruits of the Spirit is longsuffering. But we cannot

have longsuffering and not have love. Neither can we have love, joy, and peace and reject longsuffering and be so sensitive that we will get our feelings hurt at a brother or sister in the church or even our neighbor, and pour because they don't pet us and do just as we think they should. Most any kind of a pet is a nuisance, but a would-be Christian pet is the worst of all.

It is plain to be seen that love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance are only characteristics and it takes all of them to constitute the fruit of the Spirit. But any one being in possession of ALL goodness and ALL righteousness and ALL truth has the nine qualities named above.

The fruit of the Spirit is nothing more than spirituality. For one to be spiritual he must be possessed with the nature and qualities of a spirit. Just so, to have the fruit of the Spirit one must be possessed with the nature and qualities of the same.

These qualities are named in the Word of God which is the Bible and the "all truth" of which Paul speaks. All who have "all truth" abiding in them are sure to have "all goodness and righteousness."

Jesus said: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."—John 15:7, 8.

"Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom," is the instruction of the Apostle Paul at Col. 3:16. This is essential to salvation, or he would not have given such instruction. In fact it is the Word in us that produces the good fruit. See Mark 4:3-20.

The Word is the spiritual food for the soul and without its spirituality cannot exist. It is our duty to study the Word and measure ourselves by it. If we find we are short of any of the qualities of the fruit of the Spirit, we should then examine ourselves to see if we are not possessed with some of the works of the flesh and producing evil fruit. For the tree is either good and his fruit good, or else corrupt and his fruit corrupt.

At Gal. 5:19-21 the Apostle Paul has given us a catalogue of the works of the flesh. He uses the plural form which signifies that each of them is a separate work and one does not have to be possessed with all of them to produce evil fruit, as is the case with the nine qualities of the good fruit, or fruit of the Spirit. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these"—See Gal. 5:19-21. Here the apostle only names seventeen, but ends by saying "such like," which signifies that there are more works of the flesh than are named in that chapter.

At Romans 1:22, 23 we find another catalogue similar to the one previously mentioned. Here the apostle ends the chapter by saying they which commit such things are worthy of death. Not only those who do them, but those who have pleasure in them that engage in such. See Rom. 1:32. It is plain to be seen that if we enjoy being in the company of those that do such things or allow things in our homes that they enjoy and invite them in and take pleasure in entertaining them, we are, as guilty as they.

There are people who do not believe in ice cream socials, parties, worldly entertainment or worldly music and dancing at the church, but will allow them in their homes. There is just as much wrong in these things at home as at church. The place where they are carried on has

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nothing to do with the evil thereof.

But they say these are not the works of the flesh. If they will study the meaning of the word "reveling" they will find that anything luxurious or that affords pleasure that gratifies the world and the flesh is classed as revelry and to indulge in the same will make them a producer of that work of the flesh.

This work of the flesh can be indulged in many ways. In eating, drinking or dressing to excess; in too much pleasure, or fun, or in jesting, chaffy talking or too much laughter; or out kodaking and automobiling for pleasure. This can be done either at home or abroad and is sometimes brought into the church by way of entertainment.

There is not any use for those who indulge these things to try to disguise it with prayer, for the Lord knows what kind of fruit they are bringing forth and the Psalmist has said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."—Psa. 66:18.

## A Bible and Church Training School.

We are glad to announce in the paper that M. S. Lemons has agreed to conduct a ten days Bible School for the bishops, deacons and evangelists of Alabama. The school will be at Alabama City.

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This will be a treat; you can't afford to miss it.

The time will be arranged later. Watch the Evangel for further information.

Yours very truly,  
J. B. Ellis.

## Notice.

I should like to correspond with each one of the pastors and also the district pastors in Kentucky who will still hold his place and with any one else that will do pastoral or evangelistic work in Kentucky this year. I want to try to get pastors for every church possible.

I want to say to the dear saints in Kentucky that I expect to see you just as soon as possible. I want to be on the work by December 5th or 6th, D. V. Pray much.

There are some churches in Sobel district that want pastors and I have been requested to help get them for them, especially the Sobel church. I shall be glad to correspond with any one would come here.

Your unworthy servant,  
Geo. T. Brouayer.



## Manila, P. I.

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we announce to you our intention of returning to China at an early date.

Our sojourn here in Manila has been a very blessed one, notwithstanding physical and financial trials have been thickly sprinkled all along the way.

It seems quite plain that our mission here is finished and we go back to China to begin where we left off. Fortunately we do not have to begin at the beginning as new missionaries, with no knowledge of the language, customs of the people and a round of adjustments in general, but it is like "going home," and our spirits are restless to get back to the land of our adoption.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties which we have encountered here, and lack of means to go forward in the work, these have been precious days and full of the Lord's blessing. We have not been idle, but have endeavored by the grace of God to sow beside all waters and truly many have heard the full gospel preached.

We praise Him for the fruit that has been gathered here, for those who worship Him in Spirit and in truth in this dark and sinful place. How you would enjoy some of their bright testimonies and knowing how bold they stand for the whole truth in God's Word. Pray for them, please, to be kept in the way and pressing on until Jesus comes. Some of them have been sent away with the army, but our Lord knows where they are and He is everywhere. Praise God!

Beloved, it will mean much for us to make this change and truly we need your prayers and co-operation.

Our passage is not being paid with mission money, so the help you send us can go direct to the opening of the mission station and we will need all the help our friends can give us to get started in the work.

As we hope to go further to the interior and preach the gospel where Christ is not known, it will be necessary to leave our oldest son—in school in Shanghai, which is expensive. He is growing very fast and this may be his last year and opportunity in school, so we feel we MUST do all we can for him. We hope our Lord will make a real missionary (he already speaks the Chinese language) out of him if He tarries. Therefore we must give him some advantages NOW that will make him more useful in our Lord's kingdom.

We are going back to a very cold climate and we need warm clothes, especially woolen underwear. Well do I remember how we suffered in the climate before for the lack of warm clothes. We had such deep colds which seemed to weaken our bodies in general and hindered us greatly in going forward in the work and language study.

A package of anything addressed to Mrs. P. R. Rushin, Mission Book Co., Shanghai, China, will be forwarded to us. This is the cheapest way to send it as you have United States Parcel Post to Shanghai. We will be sure and get it safely. Direct all letters and other mail to us at Taianfu, Shantung, China, and we will get it safely. We will not be located in Taianfu, but out from there.

Money is best sent in New York exchange drafts which can be secured at any bank.

Regardless of our present personal needs and great need of funds to open the work and station, we feel we must go, and go trusting in our God who has so mightily worked in our behalf for more than ten years. Blessed be His name! Truly there hath not failed one word of all His good promise.

I have never before, unso-

lited, written our needs to friends in the homeland, but often some write saying they would send us so and so if they knew where and how to send it, or what we needed most, etc.

Quite often some whose means are limited have said they would enclose a dollar if they thought we would get it or could use it. To those I will say, U. S. paper money brings its full value in China. So send it on and trust the Lord to bring it safely.

I feel perfectly free to mention these things so that all who read these lines will be informed, and trust we shall be "laborers together with God."

Above all, pray for us that the Word of God may have free course and that many souls may be saved and prepared for our Lord's return.

Praying our Father's richest blessings upon you all.

In His loving service,  
Mrs. P. R. Rushin.

P. S. I will be happy to get used Sunday school cards sent to us at Taianfu, Shantung, China to use in the Sunday schools there. Don't be afraid you will send too many for we hope to begin a Sunday school in several places and will need a good many.

Also post cards, with DECENT pictures, can be used to good advantage sometimes, as the dear little Chinese children have so few pretty things.

It is easy to get a large crowd of children together in China and they will learn the Golden Text to get a picture, and during the week they can be heard repeating it on the streets. As they come from the heathen homes mostly it is a good way to reach the parents too.

Old cluster rolls are nice, too, and how happy we would be to get some you have finished with.

Beloved Friends:

The foregoing written by my dear wife and co-worker well expresses the truth and sentiments of both of us. It does seem from all indications that our Lord would have us return to China at this time.

If comparisons be permitted, we feel that our experience here in the Islands may have been something similar to the Apostle Paul's at Ephesus. For while endeavoring to keep an open mission and preach for the first time the full truth of Pentecost to this race of people, I have been compelled to labor for a living at my old line of book-keeping.

This has been made necessary both by the very limited assistance received from the homeland (which has not averaged the rent of a mission hall) and also the extremely high cost of living here which is much greater than that of our American cities.

Surprised as some may be, this was indeed our only alternative if we were to stay by the field and endeavor to accomplish God's purpose. Nevertheless beloved, we do praise and thank our God because He hath truly led and blessed; for the whole truth has been given to these people and souls have been blessed and led into the light. Glory to His name!

By reason of the temporal demands made upon myself, the burden of the work and correspondence has naturally fallen upon my faithful wife; yet I have longed to be again whole soul and free in the work; and have hoped and looked from month to month for the necessary help to come to make it possible.

Now we leave the result with God. We cannot feel after nearly two years here that more can be accomplished under the circumstances. Moreover I do firmly feel that my entire time belongs to God and that He would now have me free to devote it all to His service for souls in China.

So it is, dear friends, with

joyful and expectant hearts we prepare to return to those dear people. My family is leaving this week and I expect soon to follow. We shall be glad to have you write us there.

We have written to you plainly and sincerely as we believe you would have us write you at this critical time. The work is yours, beloved, but how can we be effectual co-laborers together unless you fully know all these things.

Finally, brethren, please pray for the work and for us that we may still by His grace carry the glad tidings to those yet waiting in darkness.

Your brother and fellow  
servant in Christ,  
P. R. Rushin.

## Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising God for the deep settled peace I have in my soul. I am in the way and the way is in me. Bless the Lord! I praise God because I have been redeemed from my sins, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost who is a Comforter in all trials and temptations. I feel the fire burning in my soul. Glory to God!

How sweet to trust Jesus for everything. I am glad that I can take Him as my healer. He healed me of pneumonia in January when three doctors and all the nurses at the hospital said I could not live three days. Hallelujah! I will shout His praise forever.

I was baptized by Brother Haynes the first day of May. Oh, how sweet to be buried with Christ Jesus in baptism. I can see the lake yet, how it looked, all gold. I thought I was in heaven. I cannot express what my feelings were. It was the most solemn event of my life.

In March a strange thing occurred in my life. Everywhere, at work, on the streets or at the church, I could see Jesus standing in front of me with outstretched hands. Bless His name! The only understanding I could get was that He wanted me to come home if some one near and dear to me did not get right with God.

In May I was taken suddenly ill again with pneumonia. We called upon God to heal me and we had great victory, but sometimes we have to suffer for the glory of God. I was sent to a hospital and a physician called. He said it was not by his work that I was healed for I had something better than he could give. Bless the Lord! I believe He had a purpose in letting me go to a hospital, for three people there asked for the prayers of the saints. I can praise God with all my heart for I know my every breath is a gift from Him.

I am just getting over another attack of pneumonia. We had victory and I was healed of all pain, but was very weak.

I praise God for the Church of God. I am glad to say I belong to His church at Akron, Ohio. We have been wonderfully blessed in all the meetings, the power of the Lord being manifested in many ways.

My greatest desire is to go deeper and live a consecrated life that I may be a soul winner for Jesus. I am praying continually for lost souls.

I take the Evangel and it is one of the bright lights in my life.

Well glory! I could praise Him all the time and still not be able to tell what He has done for me.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may ever be found faithful and humble at the feet of Jesus doing His blessed will.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mabel Richards.

## At Rest.

On October 11, our brother, G. Homer Brooks of Cleveland, Ala., departed this life. We a

## Another One Gone.

Mrs. Jennie Parks, wife of Sam B. Parks, born in Bradley Co., Tenn., September 16, 1874, deceased Nov. 18, 1918, aged 44 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Her maiden name was Broyles, daughter of Amos and Mary Broyles, Mr. Broyles having preceded her to the land of spirits, but her mother still remains.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks were united in marriage July 27, 1890. To this union were born three sons and two daughters, namely: Lennie, Henry, Mary, Wayne and Earl, all of which are still living. The family came to Cleveland, Tennessee about fifteen years ago from Polk Co., where they have made their home ever since.

Sister Parks professed religion when about eleven years of age and united with the Methodist Church at Lowery's Chapel, where she remained until about three years ago when she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and united with the "Church of God." Her life has been her testimony, and she lived what she professed. Her prayers and testimonies in the services were always appreciated because they came from a loving sincere heart.

The deceased has been sick for several weeks and was a great sufferer, but she held faithfully unto the Lord through it all and He imparted grace in the most trying times. He was true to His promise that He will never leave His children alone, nor forsake those that put their trust in Him.

The departed was loved by all who knew her, and she will be missed from among her large circle of friends. In her departure her husband has lost a faithful and loving companion, her children have lost a gentle, loving mother, and the church one of its most faithful members.

Sister Parks leaves a mother, three brothers, husband, three sons, two daughters and a host of friends and brothers and sisters in the church to mourn her loss, but they do not sorrow as those that have no hope. She will be expected to hear the trumpet call and come forth in the first resurrection.

Sister Parks is gone, but not forgotten. Her name will be called with reverence, and she will be remembered by her loved ones with great respect.

It can be said of her as with many others that have lived faithful and devoted lives to God, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

The funeral service was conducted by A. J. Tomlinson and T. L. McLain, and the remains interred in the Piney Camp Ground cemetery east of Cleveland.

relatives and friends miss him, but our loss is heaven's gain. Brother Homer died in the faith. He was a true member of the Church of God. He lived up to his testimony, proved his faith by his works.

He was licensed as an evangelist Jan. 22, 1918, and was to have been ordained October 10, but was taken sick one week before this time and died Oct. 11.

He was loved by all who were acquainted with him. He will never be forgotten.

He leaves a wife and two baby boys. They have our loving sympathy.

Lois G. Jones.

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## Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name: I want to sound a note of praise to my dear Savior this morning for His goodness to me. Praise His precious name!

Some few days ago I was at my home in Mississippi with only a few dollars and with not the least idea of being at this place at this time.

But, praise the Lord! By His goodness I am here. And I am also attending the Bible Training School which opened Monday, Nov. 11. I am just delighted to be here, for ever since I received the Holy Ghost on December 28, 1916, it has been the delight of my heart to read and study God's precious Word.

I am only seventeen years old and never gave the Bible very much attention until I received the Holy Ghost. So you see I need Bible training. Well, praise the Lord! I feel just like the Lord is pleased with my being here.

Oh, I think the Bible Training School is just grand. It is the place for every young man or woman who feels the calling as I do. May God bless all who would like to come and are not permitted to do so.

But Bible training is not all we need; we need the prayers of every child of God. And so we earnestly ask the prayers of all who may read this, that we may learn something that will be beneficial to the Church of God and the cause of Christ, that souls may be born into the Kingdom of God.

We hope to have more students with us in a few days. This will make the school more interesting.

Farewell vain world,  
I bid you adieu;  
I now belong to  
The Spirit-filled crew,  
And by the help of Jesus  
I am going through.  
Grant Williams.

## Gone To Be With Jesus.

Little Carl, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Timmons departed this life October 22, 1918. Little Carl was a faithful attendant of the church and Sunday school and will be greatly missed.

He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and one brother with many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. We mourn not as those who have no hope, for we know he is safe with Jesus, and if we are faithful we shall soon meet him again where sad partings will never come.

The funeral service was conducted at the home and the little body laid away in the London-derry cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

In the glory land with Jesus  
And loved ones gone before,  
We shall live and sing forever  
On the happy golden shore.

E. Haynes,  
Chillicothe, Ohio.

## Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.

To All Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

As I sit in my tent this evening I can picture many of your faces in my mind; memories of our fellowship and acquaintance of the past are vivid to my mind, and as I write an unnatural feeling seems to bubble up and almost swells my breast; then my inner consciousness speaks in under tones saying, "That is love." God's love shed abroad in my heart for you, for His children everywhere. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." I feel the love fire burning now.

I have found God's grace fully sufficient thus far. Nevertheless I've met with the evil which to you might be unseemly, yet I've gotten the victory through grace. I'm here in this camp now. I

have been here about a month. I'm in a replacement company supposed to be an oversea company, yet I'm trusting our great God for His will to be worked out through me. I am very anxious to get back to work for Him and His cause. You dear ones pray for me.

I shall be glad to hear from any of you. Remember I love you all.

Your brother,  
Aaron A. Smith,  
A. R. D. No. 6,  
Camp Johnston, Fla.

## Somewhere in France.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am glad to testify to having victory today though deprived of going to Sunday school and church which privilege we enjoyed in the United States.

We certainly do appreciate the prayers of the people. It would be hard to get along without them. So, dear friends, don't forget us.

I love the Church of God dearer than my life. I have been a member of it four and a half years and I expect to be the remainder of my life. O how I want to stand true to the dear Lord and hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Darius Bancroft,  
Co., A. 57 Pioneer Inf.,  
A. E. F. France.

## Rosswell, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

This is the first time I have ever asked for space in your beloved paper. I enjoy reading the testimonies of others so much I feel that I ought to add mine and give praise to God for His wonderful salvation.

I have been a minister in the Baptist Church several years, and last winter, God wonderfully sanctified me and my wife and only daughter. Soon after, we all received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence.

On the first Sunday of this year we were added to the Church of God in Atlanta, Ga. We then began praying for the Lord to open the way for us to do His work. Well glory, glory to His dear name! He heard and answered us and gave us a large godly tent to use. We have seen souls sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and heard their glad shouts.

Now, if it is the Lord's will we want to work this winter in South Georgia and Florida. So, if any of God's children are led by the Spirit to have us hold meetings in this southern territory, please correspond with us at once.

Yours and His,  
W. C. Sampler,  
R. 31, Bx. 31,  
Rosswell, Ga.

## Card of Thanks.

Dear Readers:

I am so grateful to all our dear friends who have so sweetly stood by me in my great sorrow, and loss of my precious husband. I take this method of thanking each one, as I have been very sick and my body is too weak to write to each one personally. I thank each of the dear ones who furnished the cars for the funeral, also for the flowers. I especially thank Brother Lemons for the way he stood by me and cried with me and all the dear friends who have sent financial aid, and kind sympathizing letters and telegrams.

Yours in Jesus,  
Mrs. L. Howard Juillerat.

## Notice.

To the Churches of North Carolina:

On account of the illness of my wife I have not been able to be on the work. She is improving and I think I will be on the work in a week or ten days.

Your servant,  
S. W. Latimer.



## LOVE NEVER FAILETH

PERRY W. HADSOCK

1 Cor. 13.

The word "love" is appreciated by all, but judging from appearances few know what real love is.

A minor definition of it is "a strong feeling of affection; devoted attachment to." These are applicable with regard to human love, but the Apostle Paul in this chapter is treating on DIVINE love and shows how worthless our efforts are unless we possess this love.

In verse one, we read: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, (love) I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Think of a man gifted with such eloquence as this, able to speak as angels, yet having no more effect than a sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. We know by Paul's statement here that such could be true without the possession of love.

Verse 2: "And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." Is it possible that one could be so oratorical and wise, able to reveal the secret of all mysteries, endowed with knowledge and faith that would remove mountains, and then be as nothing? All these blessed gifts are good, but Paul makes it clear that without love they would prove worthless.

Verse 3: "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." Can one make such sacrifices as these in vain? Most people are very close with their goods even when the poor are all around them, but there is a class of people who seem to depend upon their sacrifices to pay their way to heaven.

The apostle here is not condemning the support of the poor nor other sacrifices for God, but only states that without this love, though great sacrifices are made, all would be of no avail.

In Luke 18:10-12 we have a case of this kind. The Pharisee's fasting and paying tithes were nothing more than his duty, but the missing link in his life was love.

Just here we need a clearer definition of what this love is. In First John 4:8 we read: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for GOD IS LOVE." God, then, is the origin of this love mentioned by the apostle in the chapter referred to.

Then in St. John 3:16: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."—St. John 1:1, 14.

Here it is; He came and departed; His Word He left with us. We cannot please God without obeying His Word. We first have to set our affections upon it and become so attached to it until we will obey in every particular.

This is made plain in the remainder of our text. "Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

"Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

So we see that one possessed with this divine love will bear

the fruits of love. To love means more than to utter the words from the lips. \* \* \* "Let us not love in word neither in tongue; but in DEED and truth." (This love brings about action upon the part of those possessed with it.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."—St. John 14:15. "Love never faileth."

There is no Christian that doesn't want the enduring qualities of an experience. We may seek to do, and do great things, but if love hasn't been foremost, all is vain. I am glad we can have this never failing experience. If we can't preach like Paul and pray like Peter and John, we can keep the avenues of our souls open up to God and His Word and do our best and He will take care of results. Oratorical displays without the inspiration of the Spirit accomplishes very little; this love always wins. A case that love fails to reach is a hopeless case indeed.

It will take love to reach those in sin. We must prove to them that we love them. We must also love the brethren. Our text is far reaching.

Love never faileth in trials so severe. If we have this love we can live for Jesus anywhere.

## Key West Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and the Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Well hallelujah! I have kept silent as long as I can. I must ring out a praise to God through the paper.

I find so much to praise the Lord for. It seems that the very atmosphere has a new fragrance since Jesus came into my heart.

Five years and a half ago the Lord spoke peace to my soul. First He convicted me of sin, and, praise God, He cleansed my heart.

Paul said, "Purge out the old leaven," which is a type of sin. I remember that in reading about the institution of the Passover, I learned that God spoke to Moses and told him to put the leaven out of the house and to eat UNLEAVENED BREAD. He told them to not even retain it in the quarters.

Paul says Jesus was our Passover and indeed He was, as He was the living bread given to all—the living fountain.

O the precious souls that are so hungry and thirsty tonight. How many are wishing for a fountain, a drink from which would satisfy their souls. How awful it must be for one to be lost in a wilderness, away from all inhabitants, where there is no water to drink. I can imagine how wearily he would roam, wishing for only one cool drink to satisfy. So is the dear soul that is away from Jesus, just perishing for the water of life.

But the great Savior of lost humanity has His hands stretched out pleading for you and for all. Whosoever will may freely come. Isaiah says, "Come without money and buy." Isn't that beautiful?

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." The world with all of its splendor and beauty fails to satisfy; with all of its money and vanity there is yet something lacking. What is it? It is Jesus. He alone can satisfy this soul hunger and thirst. He is the Bread of Life and Living Water. Surely He was our Great Passover. There was no leaven found about Him.

Paul says a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump and it is true. Leaven is something that has a tendency to ferment, and will ferment. So if we retain leaven (sin) in our hearts it will surely make itself known. It ought not to be found among us.

There is so much of it, the leaven of pride, anger, vain glory, selfishness, and many, many things which if we have in our hearts, Paul says we will never see the

Kingdom of God. See Gal. 5. I thank God because the Word is plain.

I want to be ready to go when Jesus comes, don't you? Yes you do. I have been in this city during this terrible epidemic of influenza, but praise the Lord, I have felt good in my soul. I knew my path was clean if I should be summoned.

This city is a great field for laborers. The harvest is white. The dear people are even without a pastor. It seems that God would put it into the heart of some soul seeking evangelist to come and hold a tent meeting and preach until the walls fall. There are people to be saved right here. If I were a preacher I feel that I could and would just be willing to eat bread and drink water in order to see souls saved.

I just hope God will lay Key West—the entire city—upon some preacher's heart and not let him rest until he comes and stays as long as God wants him to. Just think, a city of about 25000 without a Church of God preacher and but few members!

I am writing this aboard the schooner as I am soon to leave for home, but I expect to pray until the Lord sends some workers here.

I am still saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts. 2:4.

Your humble sister,  
Ida May Lopez.

## Notice.

I am now on my field of labor and I am very anxious to enter heart and soul into the work with my brethren, not to lord it over God's heritage, but that we may work in harmony for the best results in the salvation of souls, the general uplift of the work and the blessing of many people.

I have had my whole heart in the work with the people of Tennessee for two years, but now I drop Tennessee to enter just as faithfully with the people of Florida.

I have visited Florida for several years, preached in several different places and I'm sure I have many friends who will welcome me to your state on realizing that I am coming on a friendly mission.

I want to get in touch with the ministers. I shall be glad for each one that is anxious to make this a very successful year, to write to me so we can begin to arrange about the work.

Please let no minister accept a pastorate till I get in touch with you; we may need you for a special place, overseer or something else.

I suppose it will not be long until everything will be moving along nicely, every one knowing his place.

Yours for His service,  
F. J. Lee,  
Overseer of state.

## Paris, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad to add my testimony to our dear little paper.

I am so glad I have the victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for His real healing power. My entire family has been sick with influenza, and He has raised us all up.

I praise Him for sending Brother and Sister Scoggins here to preach the Word. He showed many people their sins and some got right with God.

Dear saints, pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.

Yours in Christ,  
Ellie Brown.

## Remarkable Cases Of Healing.

During the meeting of the Elders in council at Cleveland, my wife received a telegram

stating that her mother was very sick and that she was likely to have to go to her bedside any day. The next day another telegram came that she was better. But the next day another came that there was no chance for her recovery. My wife hastened off to her bedside.

We called for prayer in the Elders' Council. The Elders seemed to receive the witness that the Lord was going to answer prayer. One brother said he saw the mother in a vision arise and sit on the bed; he felt that she was healed.

After she had become so seriously sick they called three doctors; two came in one night to see her; they both looked at her, but walked out and said she would be dead before morning. They didn't return any more, just knew she would die. But no, the Great Physician had been called for. He administered the healing balm and she began mending from the time that a wireless message was sent for Him from the upper room of the Elders' Council. So in less than a week she was up doing about in the room.

Upon my arrival in Tampa at midnight on the next Sunday night, my wife met me at the door. I saw that she had been sitting up; thinking it was with her mother I asked how her mother was. She replied that she was doing fine, but her sister's baby was at the point of death.

The baby looked like a little corpse lying there. They were having a physician. He had given them to understand that there was no hope for the child.

The next day the child seemed to be dying. The father and mother asked us to pray, saying that they had more faith in prayer than in the doctors. They dropped the physicians, gave it no more medicine from that time.

One doctor said the red corpuscles had broken down, that the child had no blood; another said it had meningitis and the last chance was a serum inoculation.

But no, the Great Physician has been called; He has inoculated His own healing virtue into the child and it is now laughing and cooing and doing fine. It is well except the regaining of its flesh to the surprise of neighbors and business men.

Well, thank God, He is yet with us.

F. J. Lee,  
Overseer of Florida.

## Gone to Rest.

Sister Iva Blake, wife of Mitchel Blake, departed this life October 31, 1918. She was sick only a few days and suffered intensely, but bore it patiently. She told her husband from the first that she would not live. She said the Lord had always healed her, but He was going to take her to heaven this time.

She was under the power most all the time. She stated in her dying hour that we need not be uneasy about this being the right way. She was talking in tongues when she drew her last breath. She lived the life; no one could doubt her experience.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her, especially by those with whom she worshiped. She loved music and few people ever had a sweeter voice.

She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss. Her parents, Osborne and Sidney Denson, both survive her. She is the sister of Shell, Whit, Phil, Robert and Ivan Denson of the Alabama band, Toss Denson, for years a member of Congress, now in the army, and Sister Ida McCoy.

We say to the bereaved,

you have our deepest sympathy. Your loss is heaven's gain.

Lord in submission meek we bow,  
Down low at Jesus' feet;  
Grant us thy Holy Spirit now,  
To guide till her we meet.

Beneath the sod, sweet be thy sleep,  
Till God's great trump shall sound,  
Bring forth thy body pure and sweet,  
Out from the dark cold ground.

Our bodies too, with thee shall rise,  
Changed by God's mighty power;  
We'll meet together in the skies  
In that victorious hour.

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